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Second report of the General Committee

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 8 October 1999, the General Committee considered a request submitted by the representatives of Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal and Sao Tome and Principe (A/54/232) for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled:

"Observer status for the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the General Assembly".

In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Should be included in the agenda;

(b) Should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

2. At the same meeting, the General Committee considered a request submitted by South Africa (A/54/233) for the inclusion in the agenda, under agenda item 151, "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations", of an additional sub-item entitled:

"Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232".

In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item:

(a) Should be included in the agenda as a sub-item of agenda item 151;

(b) Should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

3. Also at the same meeting, the General Committee considered a request from the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/54/438) concerning sub-item (a), entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system", of agenda item 101, "Operational activities for development" which the General Assembly had allocated to the

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Second Committee. In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item also be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that only the topic entitled "Follow-up of the World Summit for Children" would be considered in the plenary.